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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

The American emotional reservoir has a low boiling point; it also cools quickly. With the Italian crisis well behind us, the average citizen has concluded that the threat of Communistic domination is no longer imminent, and has settled back to enjoy his accustomed lethargy. As a matter of fact there is developing a crisis potentially more significant than that of the Italian elections. It is the growing defeatism of European democracies, spawned of yrs of hardship and privation. LORD ROTHERMERE, addressing the Associated Press in N Y, fortnight ago, touched on this point. His guarded words were not too disturbing; his implications deserve careful scrutiny. What the English newsman said, between the lines of his prepared speech, is that the nations of Western Union lack the material resources, and perhaps even the will, for yet another all-out armament adventure. There is, indeed, grave doubt that they can, in every instance, quell internal insurrection, which is so often the 1st plotted step toward foreign domination. It is not that democracy has lost its lustre, or Communism become less repugnant to these peoples. But they are saying quite bluntly that if their way of life be challenged, its defense must come, if at all, from the military might of America.

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN: "We are striving to avoid an economic crisis by protecting our prosperity while we still have it. We are striving to avoid a war crisis by being firm before it is too late." 1-Q

PAUL BJOERK, Swedish "labor sec'y" of the Social Democratic Labor party: "No party is as well organized and so strongly disciplined and trained for infiltration activities as the Communists." 2-Q

NASH K BURGER, author: "When we select a vice-pres, the chances are almost 1 in 3 that we are selecting a future Pres." 3-Q

Dr A D OWENS, Supt of Schools, Newport, Ky: "When we meet each other we say 'How are you?' And what do we usually get? An organ recital." 4-Q

FRANCES PERKINS, former Sec'y of Labor: "Unless a woman can earn \$4000 a yr—or maybe \$5000—I think it is absurd, anti-social and uneconomic for her to work outside the home." 5-Q

Judge T ALAN GOLDSBOROUGH, presiding judge in JOHN L LEWIS trial: "As long as a union is functioning as a union, it must be held responsible for the mass actions of the mbrs." 6-Q

ROB'T M HUTCHINS, Chancellor of Univ of Chicago: "Education should be open to all, but unless there is a relationship between the size of

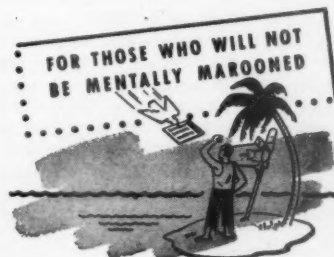
parents' income and the size of their children's intelligence, and I am sure there is none, education is not open to all." 7-Q

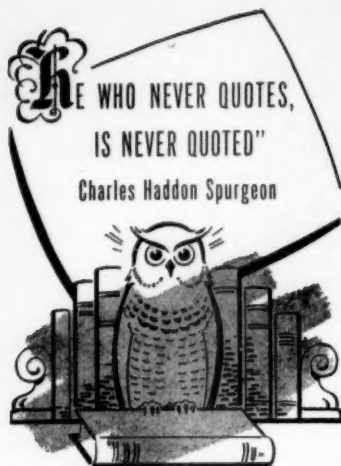
Bishop G BROMLEY OXNAM: "The killing of a Negro in a race riot in the North or the lynching of a Negro in the South creates more communists in 1 day than any committee on un-American activities can ferret out in many days." 8-Q

LORD ROTHERMERE, British newspaper publisher: "The first freedom to be seized by any dictatorship is the freedom of the press." 9-Q

Sen HENRY CABOT LODGE, Jr, of Mass: "An enthused America, speaking thru its Gov't, can make American democracy an article of export. The Christian concept of the dignity of man is the strongest revolutionary force in the world." 10-Q

OSWALDO ARANHA, pres of UN: "We will not have war. Those who want war cannot make war and those who can make war do not want war." 11-Q





ANGER—Self-Control—1

A discussion was going on. The atmosphere was getting hotter by the min. Suddenly one of the men arose, went over and stretched out on a couch.

"What's the matter? Are you tired?" I asked.

Everybody stopped talking as he ans'd, slowly, "No, I'm not tired. I'm just getting mad, and I've discovered that it's difficult to get mad lying down!"—Dr NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, *American Way*.

AVIATION—Safety—2

Wayne Morris opines that aviation won't really be safe until we can do away with the automobile ride to the airport!—EDITH GWYNN, *Hollywood Reporter*.

BRAVERY—3

All problems become smaller if you don't dodge them, but confront them. Touch a thistle timidly, and it pricks you; grasp it boldly, and its spines crumble.—WM S. HALSEY, "On Meeting Emergencies," *This Wk*, 4-18-'48.

BREVITY—4

Readers of newspaper col's often get the idea that the col is slapped together in a hurry without very much care or work. Read in 5 or 10 min's, it probably took that many hrs to prepare. The fabulous Billy Rose is among the best paid and most admired. He puts hard and patient work into his writing. Then, as he expresses it, "I go over every sentence, cut out all the surplus stuff, get rid of all the corny stuff, and change words here and

there." These 24 words are good advice to any writer—even a writer of business letters and technical reports.—*Bagology*.

CAREER—5

A career is doing what you want to do and then finding someone to pay you for doing it.—FRANK C HIBBEN, "Last of the Mountain Men," *Outdoor Life*, 5-'48.

CHARACTER—6

Cheap editions of great books may be delightful, but cheap editions of great men are absolutely detestable.—*Reformatory Pillar*.

CHILDREN—Prejudice—7

The little German girl who used to hang around the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg, was always in the crowd of children who waited for the Americans as they came out of the bldg, on the chance of receiving a piece of chocolate or a cigarette for papa. The little girl, a shy and winning creature of about 4, became the pet of one of the American officers. He singled her out for special favors, and she soon was able to spot him in any crowd. He never disappointed her, and was charmed that she came to recognize him so readily. One evening he accompanied his gift of a candy bar with the comment:

"So you know who I am now?"

She beamed happily up at him and nodded. "Ja," she said, "ein dreckiger Jude. . . ."—RICHARD HANSEN, "German Anti-Semitism Today," *American Mercury*, 4-'48.

*(Quote translation: "a dirty Jew.")

CIVILIZATION—8

"Just think!" beamed the Missionary. "Only 20 yrs ago I came here and brought enlightenment and civilization to your land. And now I ret'n and find that you are entirely civilized."

"Civilized is right," repl'd the Chief of Boogoobooland. "We are so civilized that we had to double the police force and build a new jail. And some of our divorce cases are almost unfit to print."—LUKE MCLUKE, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

CONVICTION—Positive—9

A positive conviction without accurate information is a dangerous thing.—*Ministry*.

DETAIL—10

Details often kill initiative, but there have been few successful men

who weren't good at details.—WM B GIVEN, JR, *Alexander Animator*, hm, Alexander Film Co.

DIET—11

Nature does her best to teach us. The more we overeat, the harder she makes it for us to get close to the table.—*Coronet*.

DRINK—Drinking—12

Nothing can hold liquor as well as a bottle. So leave it in the bottle.—*Rail & Tie*, hm, Monon Ry.

EDUCATION—13

I think education has something to do with changing people for the better by leading them to a greater activity of mind than they had before. There are other processes which change people—propaganda, religion, law, psychoanalysis, and training of various kinds which are often mistaken for education—but I think these are all distinguishable from education.—JOHN P BARDEEN, Dean, School of Gen'l Studies, Cleveland College.

They DO Say . . .

Honorary recognition of some kind should be given the statistician who figured that American housewives annually contribute some \$34 billion in unpaid work to the nat'l economy. . . KEITH HUTCHISON, writing in *The Nation*, commented that many people seem to have forgotten that "E R P" stands for European Recovery Plan—not "Erase the Russian Peril". . . Taxi interests, in reporting their 2 billion passengers transported in '47, announce with pride that 15 babies were born in U S cabs during the yr. . . *Philadelphia Inquirer* notes that inspection by an expert of 3,009 souvenir rifles and pistols brought home by Philadelphia GI's from overseas has shown that only 12 were safe for peacetime use!

EUROPE—Books—14

In Holland, a woman school teacher, hearing one evening that the representative of some American publishers was speaking in a nearby city, got on her bicycle and pedaled 60 mi's thru the cold Dutch countryside in the hope of obtaining a few text-books for her deserving students.—MILTON LOMASK, "American Educational Fare," *Kiwanis Magazine*, 4-'48.

GARDENING—15

One of the nicest things about gardening is that if you put it off long enough it eventually is too late.—BILL VAUGHAN, *Kansas City Star*.

GOODNESS—16

There is no negative goodness. It is always positive. To be good, one must be good for something.—CHAS A SHELTON, *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

HUMILITY—17

Before you feel yourself qualified as a teacher, first make sure that you are a student.—J A ROSENKRANTZ, *Thoughts To Live By*. (Stone & Pierce)

INCOMPATIBILITY—18

Much incompatibility begins with income.—Rabbi ISRAEL CHODOS, Congregation Emanuel, Oklahoma City, Okla.

INDUSTRY—19

The measure of a good town is not how many industries it has, but how much industry. — *Rusk County Reporter*.

INITIATIVE—20

A 17-yr-old applied for a job with a road construction gang. He was slightly built and the boss eyed him critically. "Afraid you won't do, son," he said. "This is heavy work and you can't keep up with the heavier, older men."

The youngster glanced at the crew leaning on their shovels. "Perhaps I can't do as much as these men can do," he repl'd, "but I certainly can do as much as they will do." He got the job.—*Executives' Digest*, syndicated by Cambridge Associates, Boston.

IRONY—21

The irony is that so often we have to undo tomorrow what we did today.—*Burlington Standard-Democrat*.

LIFE—22

Life is like a library owned by an author. In it are a few books which he wrote himself, but most of them were written for him.—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, *Today's Woman*.

LOQUACITY—23

Some people are like rivers; whatever is in them comes out at the mouth.—*Construction Digest*.

LOVE—24

Recently Dr Gordon Palmer, Pres of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, said to a group of students, "Love is not blind. Lust is blind. If love is blind, God is blind." Such simple yet profound ideas must be given continual emphasis if we are to offset the false, sentimental half-truths about love that are being glamorized today.—C ADRIAN HEATON, "Helping Youth Prepare for Marriage," *Baptist Leader*, 5-48.

Mother

No man is really old until his mother stops worrying about him.

" "

The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.—HENRY WARD BEECHER, *Life Thoughts*.

" "

A church displayed this sign: "God could not be everywhere, so he made mothers."

" "

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.—WM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY, *Vanity Fair*. 25

MARRIAGE—Modern—26

In the hill-billy country a 14-yr-old groom told his parents afterwards that the reason he married so young was that he thought it would be fun to attend school with his own children.—HY GARDNER, *Parade*.

MAN—Behavior—27

The Lord and soldier we adore in time of danger—not before. Danger past, all things righted—God forgotten, soldier slighted!—*American Commentator*.

MUSIC—Interdenominational—28

In the Church of England hymn books are compositions from the pens of a Roman Catholic, a Quaker, a Presbyterian, a Methodist, a Congregationalist, a Baptist, and a Moravian.—Origin unknown.

OBSTACLES—Value—29

Life cannot be lived in a vacuum, nor can it be lived in an environment free from stress and strain. There need to be problems, difficulties and stresses to develop and strengthen personality.—Dr G H STEVENSON (London), *Canadian Medical Association Jnl*.

OPINION—30

The public opinion pollsters are still finding 8% of the people with-

out opinions. We wonder why we never come in contact with any of these undoubtedly charming persons.—*Grit*.

OPPORTUNITY—31

They who wish to sing always find a song.—*Swedish Proverb*.

ORIGIN—"Mother's Day"—32

W Va, thru its publicity offices, calls att'n to the Andrews Methodist Church of Grafton, W Va, "Mother Church of Mother's Day." It was here that Anna Jarvis, founder of Mother's Day, arranged church services dedicated to her mother and to "all mothers of Taylor County" on May 12, 1907. The next yr the 1st public Mother's Day services were held in both Grafton and Philadelphia, and 8 yrs later Mother's Day was recognized by Congress.

PEACE—33

There is no use burying the hatchet if you leave the handle sticking out to trip over.—Origin unknown.

PRAYER—Action—34

Prayer of a Congo Christian: "Lord, don't let us be like a hen that should sit on her eggs for 21 days, but just a day or two before they are due to hatch, deserts them—and they never hatch. Don't let us be like that in Thy work!"—*Inland Africa*.



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ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:

Sealed with Neoprene, new all-purpose electric light socket, Neolite Weatherproof Socket "350," is completely waterproof, weatherproof and vaporproof. No parts exposed; may be submerged in water without fear of shock. Made by Neoline, Inc, Los Angeles. (*Scientific American*)

MEDICINE—Plastics:

Relieving pain of stomach ulcers is one of the jobs done by a new plastic, Dr Jas C Winter, of the Resinous Products & Chemical Co, Philadelphia, told an American Chemical Society meeting. As pills, the plastic absorbs acid in the stomach, halts activity of digestive chemical, pepsin, to bring relief from pain. In other jobs, they remove impurities in processing of streptomycin and vitamin C. (*A P*)

LOCKS: To eliminate need for different key for each lock, Code Lock, Ltd, of Greenford, England, has developed key with 6 adjustable projections that can be set in a million combinations. Each lock can be set for a different combination, but opened with the one key. (*Newsweek*)

TEXTILES: Terylene, new nylon rival, is British discovery soon to be introduced to U S. Made from petroleum, it's extremely strong, isn't affected by mold, bacteria or moths. Unlike nylon, it has a warm feel—a desirable property in cool-weather clothing. (*Reader's Scope*)

TRANSPORTATION: Coin machines for use on buses and st cars accept any coin, register fare, ret'n correct am't of charge. Machine can handle up to 100 fares a min, keep check of total collections, number of passengers, and special rate traffic. Modification of machine is being developed for use on vending machines. (*Financial Post*)

PURPOSE—35

Most people who fail, fail not because they lack ability or enthusiasm, but because they lack steadfastness of purpose.—*Orison Street Marden.*

RECREATION—36

There is so much of today's "recreation" that should be spelled w-r-e-c-k-reation.—*J O CHRISTIANSON, Minn School of Agriculture.*

RELIGION—37

The results of splitting the world into secular and sacred sections have become disastrous. We have fenced off a nice little area of life and labeled it religion. That is not enough. We must take Christ into our factories, schools, newspaper offices, business, homes, everywhere.—*Bishop THOS N CARRUTHERS, Presbyterian Life.*

RUSSIA—38

Russia believes in the liberty of suppress.—*Banking.*

SAVINGS—39

Nowadays when a person puts something aside for a rainy day, the gov't soaks him.—*Grit.*

SCIENCE—40

Science has a sharp eye for ways and means, but too frequently it is blind to ends and values.—*Dr ALBERT EINSTEIN.*

SERVICE—41

Someone has defined success as, "Another name for the science of service!" Fame is the recognition of service. Wealth is the reward of service. Power is the result of service. Whatever you want you can reach thru service, properly conceived, organized and utilized. Service changes toil from drudgery to delight. Service unites hand, head, and heart.—*MELVIN STRONG, Aluminum Cooking Utensil Co.*

THOUGHT—42

Select but do not dictate. We choose a seed and plant it in the soil, but we do not dictate how it is to unfold into a plant. Select your mental seeds but do not dictate to the Mental Soil.—*HELEN VAN SLYKE, Science of Mind.*

TRIBUTE—43

Sophie Tucker's tribute to Irving Berlin: "What a wonderful feeling it must be to know while you're still alive that you're immortal!"—*Daily Variety.*

TRUTH—44

I have always thought, and I continue to think, that truth does not serve anybody or anything; they serve it.—*NICOLAS BERDYAEV, Slavery & Freedom. (Scribner)*

VALUES—45

In the mountainous region of eastern Pennsylvania my husband noticed a prosperous, tho simple, farm and inq'd if it was for sale, explaining to the elderly owner that he wasn't interested in farming but wanted it for vacations and hunting.

"I'm plannin' to sell out," repl'd the farmer. "The wife and I have worked 40 yrs to make this a good farm where a family could make a decent livin'. This is my contribution to the future of our country so we couldn't sell it to you."

"Why not?" asked my husband. "Don't expect you'll understand. But sellin' this farm to you who don't aim to farm it—no matter what you'd pay me for it—would be like sellin' a herd of young purebred cattle to the butcher."—*KATHERINE BENION, Democracy in Action.*

Grimm Realization

Once upon a time, good friend,
There were moral books no end:
Books that did not feature sex,
Psychopaths and drunken
wrecks;
Books that were not filled with
slime,
Racial prejudice, and crime.
Once upon a time. . . but, say!
Fairy tales all start that way.—
H J HIGDON, *Phoenix Flame*, hm,
Phoenix Metal Cap Co. 46

VISION—47

Perhaps the world needs more leaders with stars in their eyes instead of on their helmets.—*P M.*

WATCHFULNESS—48

A little boy was told that the eye of God is always watching us. He thought a min, then said: "I'd like to know what kind of watching it is. Tim Brown watches me in school so he can tell the teacher if I whisper and get me bad marks. But Father watches me in a different way. When I am on the beach he keeps watch so I won't get in too deep. I like that kind of watching." — *WM NORTON, Moody Monthly.*



The Incomparable Maestros

Since man twanged his 1st string, composers, conductors and other musical geniuses have been telling each other off behind the scenes with a cackling wit that resounds down the yrs. DAVID EWEN, fascinated by these verbal fireworks, has for a long time been compiling them into a book. His magnificent gallery of portraits, *Listen to the Mocking Words* (Arco, \$2.), is the result. It is a fabulous pleasure chest of anecdotes, barbed ire and tales from the private lives of the famous in music. The caricatures and subtle commentaries are by A Birnbaum, of *The New Yorker*.

Toscanini is, of course, the conductor who has inspired more anecdotes than any other musician of our time. His incredible ear and his memory, his colorful temperament, his integrity and idealism, his genius, provide the threads from which innumerable stories are spun. At rehearsals he is as simple as a child, and as profound as a scholar. He cries, laughs, burlesques, yielding to every emotion that strikes him. "Pianissimo, please," he beseeched, falling on his knees and clasping his hands as if in prayer. "Like *this* the music should sound," and he drops his handkerchief in the air to demonstrate how limp and effortless the melody should emerge from the violins.

When things go poorly, his temper is cyclonic. He smashes batons. Once his baton was so pliable that it refused to break. He drew out his handkerchief, and tried to tear that. But the handkerchief, too, proved stubborn. So Toscanini took off his alpaca jacket, and not until he had torn it to shreds was he appeased.

Frequently, while conducting, Toscanini accompanies the music with his raucous, high-pitched singing—often without being conscious that he is doing it. Once he stopped a rehearsal abruptly to demand, "Who is making that noise?"

Attractive, dynamic, provocative Leopold Stokowski is one of the most glamorous figures ever to stand on the American concert platform. . . Always an innovator, he was one of the 1st conductors in America to dispense with a score and to conduct without a baton. Many yrs ago, when 1st he conducted without a score, a kind old lady exclaimed, "Isn't it a shame that Stokowski cannot read music? Imagine how wonderful he would be, if he just knew how!"

Sir Thos Beecham is the son of the famous mfr of Beecham's Pills. When he became conductor of the N Y Philharmonic, Lawrence Gil-

There is a legend to the effect that a certain conductor was condemned to death for his musical sins: he who had murdered so many compositions was himself to be punished, and the sentence was—electrocution. So he was duly strapped into the chair, the signal for the current was given, and justice was about to be done. But, tho there was enough current to kill 10 men, the victim stayed alive. Again and again the current was turned on, with absolutely no effect. Finally the warden announced gravely: "It is evidently impossible to kill this man by electricity—he is a non-conductor."

man inq'd whether the orchestra shouldn't change its name to *Pill-harmonic*.

One morning, Beecham decided to take a brisk walk on 5th Ave. Since the air was rather crisp he wore his fur coat. As he walked he grew warmer, until—unable to bear the heat any longer—he hailed a cab and threw his coat into it. "Follow me," he told the cab driver, and cont'd his stroll with the taxicab following him.

"Gentlemen," John Barbirolli once explained to his musicians, "that passage should sound like the night, and you make it sound like the morning after."

Another British conductor, Malcolm Sargent, once rehearsed the Royal Choral Society in Handel's *Messiah*. Not liking the way the women were singing the chorus "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," he rapped sharply for att'n and said: "Just a little more reverence, please—and not quite so much astonishment."

Koussevitzky speaks with a marked Russian accent, often expressing himself abruptly, and as often trying to answer questions he has not completely understood. After one of his men had made the



"There Is a Woman"

This tribute to motherhood, made by the Very Rev RAMON ANGEL JARA, bishop of Chile, appeared in the '47 Line Book. It has been translated from spanish by Guillermo Fadul.

There is a woman who has something of God in the immensity of her love and much of an angel in her tireless solicitude amid her cares: a woman who altho young has the wisdom of an ancient, and in her old age works with the fervor of girlhood; a woman who altho ignorant discovers the secrets of life with more ease than a sage, and if educated learns the simplicity of children; a woman who altho poor is satisfied with the happiness of her loved ones, and being rich would give willingly all her treasures to avoid suffering in her heart the wounds of ingratitude; a woman who being strong thrills at the cry of a child, and being weak becomes endowed with the fierceness of a lion; a woman whom while alive we do not know how to value, because at her side all our pains are forgotten, but after death we would give all that we are and all that we have to look at her just an instant, to receive from her just one embrace, to listen to just one word from her lips.

" "

You painted no Madonnas
On Chapel walls in Rome
But with a touch diviner
You lived one in your home
You built no great cathedrals
That centuries applaud;
But with a grace exquisite
Your life cathedraled God.

—T W FESSENDEN, *Pastor's Wife*.

same mistake over and over again, Koussevitzky lost patience and summarily dismissed him. As the musician made his way off the stage he called to the conductor: "Nuts to you!" Huffy Koussevitzky repl'd: "Id's doo la'de to apologize!"

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

Billy, age 5, lay stretched on the floor, looking at the ads in a current magazine. All at once he exclaimed excitedly, "Mother, when I get to be a big man, do you know what I'm going to buy you?"

"No," ans'd his mother. "What?"

"I'm going to buy you an electric icebox, an electric iron, an electric stove and an electric chair!"—*Atlanta Jnl Magazine.* a

" " "The upper crust is just a bunch of crumbs stuck together with their own dough.—FIBBER MCGEE and MOLLY show, N B C.

" " One feature of the "Breakfast In Hollywood", radio show is the "travel table." Several women are asked where they would like to go if they could travel. One woman said she'd go to Mt Shasta, but wouldn't tell why. The late Tom Breneman picked up a paper on which she had written the reason. He read, despite the woman's obvious embarrassment: "I would like to go to Mt Shasta to get away from my mother-in-law."

It was a grim moment. The woman's mother-in-law was sitting right there with her! — SEYMOUR PECK, P M. b

" " Women may not always keep their agreements, but they always keep their compacts.—Highway Traveler.

" " An ensign had been giving a certain blonde the once-over about a doz times at a party. Finally, he moved over close to her. "Pardon me," he said. "I'm with the U S Navy. Whom are you with?"—*Quonset Scout.* c

" " Our good neighbors below the Rio Grande are learning fast. They have not only picked up countless Yankee tricks, but have learned to top some of them. Witness a large brewery in the old part of Taluca, in this sunny Mexico. Not so many yrs ago it became internationally famous by adopting a new slogan.

Everyone knows of that proud trade mark: "The Beer that Made Milwaukee Famous." The brewery at Taluca took that famous slogan

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

CHUCK GREEN

A Brooklyn mother was pleading with the judge, asking leniency for her gangster son. On behalf of the oft-sprung offspring she cried: "Judge, he was always a good boy. Everything he stole, he gave me half!"

and capped it by advertising: "The Beer that Made Milwaukee Jealous." —*Wall Street Jnl.* d

" " The rich uncle wrote to his nephew: "I am sending you the \$10 you requested, but must call your att'n to a spelling error in your last letter—10 is written one nought, not two."—*Sunshine Magazine.* e

" " When a girl is a peach she's usually picked by some fellow at the top of the ladder.—MINNIE PEARL, Milwaukee Jnl.

" " The young clergyman, during a parochial call, noticed the little daughter of the hostess was busy with her slate while eyeing him closely from time to time. "And what are you doing, Clare?" he asked.

"I'm drawing a picture of you."

The clergyman sat very still to facilitate the work of the artist, but presently Clare shook her head in discouragement.

"I don't like it much," she confessed. "I guess I'll put a tail on it and call it a dog."—*New Orleans Times-Picayune.* f

" " Noro Morales divides us into 2 classes: the have-nots and the have-yachts.—EARL WILSON, syndicated col.

" " Two small British boys were gazing at a butcher shop window decorated for Christmas. One of them pointed to a number of hams hanging from a large holly branch.

"Look, Tom," he said. "Look at them 'ams a growing up there."

"Get away," said the other. "Ams don't grow on trees."

"Well, that's all you know about it," said the 1st scornfully. "Ain't you ever 'eard of an 'ambush?"—*Arkansas Methodist.* g

" " There is only about 18 in's difference between a pat on the back and a kick in the pants.—Your Home.

" " I overheard the new neighbors invite my son, 12, to go to the ball game with them, telling him to go ask his dad for permission.

"Nope," said sonny, "I'll have to ask mom. Dad says she wears the can'ts in our family." — *Rocky Mountain Empire Magazine.* h

" " Chauncey M Depew had an old friend who, after courting the same woman for 20 yrs, married her.

"Josephus," said Chauncey, "why did you not marry that splendid woman before now? Why did you wait all these yrs?"

"Chauncey," explained the other, "I waited until she talked herself out. You see, I wanted a quiet married life."—*Capper's Wkly.* i

" " Drunk: one who has alcoholically oversubscribed. — Floorcraft, hm, Continental College of Floor Efficiency.

" " A young lad whose parents weren't very sympathetic to him went to a summer camp, and on his ret'n talked so enthusiastically about it that his parents were a bit ashamed. His father asked, "But you were rather glad to get home just the same, weren't you?"

"I don't think so," the boy repl'd thoughtfully. "But some of the fellows were—those who had dogs." — JOHN E DONOVAN, Woman. j

" " A man was once asked the difference between a mirror and a

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woman. "A woman speaks without reflecting, and a mirror reflects without speaking," he repl'd.

A lady interrupted him by asking, "And does the gentleman know what the difference is between himself and the same mirror?"

He could not answer.

"Well, I'll tell you. The mirror is 'polished' and the gentleman is not!"

—Chain Gang, hm, Diamond Chain Co. **k**

Of Poetry And Pick-Ups

A man moved into Oklahoma City recently, too late for the refuse pick-up that wk. Boxes began piling up. One morning he decided it was time for action, and sent the following telegram to the City Mgr:

*"Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Garbage pick-up
Ten days overdue!"*

When he ret'd home from work that afternoon he found that the city could rise to the occasion. A telegram signed by the City Mgr went as follows:

*"Garbage smells.
Your rhyme does too.
But I've sent for your hog-
feed
P D Q!"*

The poet went to his backdoor and looked out. The refuse was gone.—American City. **l**

Little Raymond returned home from Sunday school in a very joyful mood. "Oh, mother!" he exclaimed, as he entered the house. "The sup't said something awfully nice about me in his prayers today."

"Isn't that lovely! What did he say, dear?" questioned the fond mother.

"He said," the lad repl'd, "'Oh Lord, we thank Thee for food and Raymond.'" — Watchman-Examiner. **m**

Hildy is a little English refugee girl from London's Limehouse section. What with long mo's in air-raid shelters she was pretty bedraggled when she came to America re-

cently, and her foster parents here put her on a strict bath routine; a nice long one every night before bed.

Hildy took it for a wk. Then, one night she looked up thru a face full of suds: "You folks don't want a refugee," she said firmly. "What you want is a duck!"—Pure Oil News, hm, Pure Oil Co. **n**

*The Marshall Plan would
throw a money-wrench into the
Moscow machine.*—Pathfinder. **" "**

Fanny Kemble, spending a summer in the country in Mass, had engaged a neighboring farmer to drive her about. Being of a loquacious turn, the farmer launched into a discussion of crops, the country and the people.

"Sir," said the imperious actress, "I have engaged you to drive for me, not to talk to me."

The farmer stopped talking at once.

At the end of the season he silently presented his bill. Miss Kemble studied it with a puzzled air. "What is this item, sir?" she demanded, pointing to an illegible scrawl.

"Sass, \$5. I don't often take it," was the farmer's laconic reply, "but when I do, I charge."—Coronet. **o**

*An all-purpose serial number
that will do the citizen from
the cradle to the grave is in de-
bate, and in fancy we hear a
neighborhood mother, "Now,
126-38-2764, you come right in."*
—Washington Star. **" "**

"No wonder you are such a sissy," declared the bad boy. "Your pa and ma were married by the justice of peace."

"Well," retorted independent Susan, "from the noise I heard coming from your house, your pa and ma must have been married by the Sec'y of War."—Christian Observer. **p**

The Scotchman bought a nickel's worth of peppermint drops and took his bride for a honeymoon ride on a st car. When they got off the car he said, "Honey, sup-

Tit-Bits, of London, reports the following notice posted outside a Nonconformist chapel: "The Rev Silas Jones will preach on the text, 'Thou shalt not steal;' Anthem: Steal Away." **" "**

Ad which appeared in "Help Wanted: Female" col's, N Y Times: "Sec'y with intelligence, personal-ity and at least 3 yrs' legal experience for interesting post close to a boss full of ideas."

pose we save the rest of the candy for the children."—Kroehler News, hm, Kroehler Mfg Co. **q**

The prof of mathematics and his fiancée were out roaming in the fields when she plucked a daisy and, looking at him coquettishly, began to pull off the petals, saying: "He loves me, he loves me not—"

"You are giving yourself a lot of unnecessary trouble," said the prof. "You should count up the petals, and if the total is an even number the answer will be in the negative; if an uneven number, in the affirmative."—Ry Employees' Jnl. **r**

*Breathes there a man with
hide so tough.*

Who says 2 sexes aren't enough? — SAM'L HOFFENSTEIN, Chicago Tribune Magazine of Books. **" "**

Last Sunday a boy whose father, a doctor, refused to allow him to go along on sick-calls, presented his problem on the "Juvenile Jury" radio program. Robin Morgan, 6-yr-old star of the "Juvenile Jury" spoke up and advised: "I don't think the child should go with his father on calls because, who knows, the boy might catch something like chicken pox, measles, mumps, or even babies!"—LEONARD LYONS, syndicated col. **s**



Codicil to a Will

Altho the foregoing enjoins my executor to pay my just debts and to distribute my worldly possessions in the manner I have indicated, I can not leave this world without grateful acknowledgement of debts which I have never been able fully to repay, to wit:

To my mother: for the pain and sacrifice of bringing me into the world, for comforting me when hurt, for encouraging me when I have faltered, for forgiving me when I have been disobedient, for loving me, always and forever;

To my father: for setting a pattern of faith and integrity, of modesty and sobriety, of self-control and inner calm, of love and affection beyond anything I have ever known in a fellow man;

To my teachers: for their patience and encouragement;

To my employers: for the opportunity for useful work;

To my friends: for knowing my faults but loving me still;

To my wife: for making a house a home and for giving me, without stint, a companionship, an affection and an understanding beyond price and beyond compare;

To the writers of good books: for sharing their thoughts and experiences;

To martyrs: who, on 10,000 battlefields of mind and body gave me religious and political freedom;

To my ministers: who ever held high the torch of the dignity of man and the immortality of the spirit;

To my fellow workers: for physical and material comforts, and for making ways easy that could have been hard;

To my children: for their love and faith;

To my God: for imparting to me

the knowledge of good and of evil, for His assurance of forgiveness if I am truly penitent, and for His Eternal Promises.—*KVP Philosopher*, hm, Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co.

Courage

The future always looks dark. It was not intended that man should possess the power to peer into the future. God deals severely with men when they begin to fore-tell the future. Today the future is no blacker than in other periods of the world's history.

When the Northern Pacific ry was built west from Minneapolis, the investors went out on the 1st trip over the road. They were horrified. Why, it would fail because there were no people to patronize the road. They came home and sold their stock. But the ry is still running.

When Marshall Field built his great store in Chicago, people said the store was too big for the town. Chicago would never support such a store. But it is one of the world's wonder stores.

When Jas Eads built the bridge across the Mississippi at St Louis, there were people who said it would never "pay". The Eads Bridge is one of the outstanding successful accomplishments in the U S.

It has always been true that men with little ideas never catch up with the leaders, never understand that the future will always seem dire, forbidding.—*Royle Forum*, hm, John Royle & Sons.

Less Please, More Thanks—DON BLANDING, *Science of Mind*, 4-'48.

"Asking" prayers remind me of an experience I had in Fla. Near where I lived there was a family of low-grade whites living in a rickety

1-room shack by the road. The woman was a bedraggled, pitiful wreck of humanity, product of poor blood line, ignorant diet, much child-bearing, and the unbelievable living conditions of a whole stratum of the Southern population. There were a half-dozen sickly children. The man was a shiftless specimen.

A group of friends had been fishing with phenomenal success. We had more fish than we could distribute among friends. On the way home we passed the house of this family. The man was sprawled in a ragged hammock under a tree. The youngsters were playing in the dirt. A couple of lean, tick-ridden dogs skulked under the ramshackle house.

We drew into the yard. I called to the man, "Could you folks use some fish? We had a lot of luck and we have plenty."

The man didn't answer. The woman came to the door and looked with bewilderment at us. I realized that the man possibly thought we wanted to sell the fish.

"I'd be happy to give them to you. We have plenty," I said.

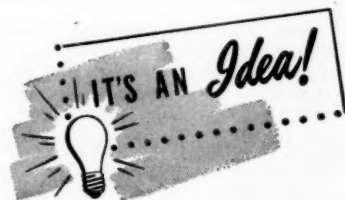
The man never moved a muscle except to drawl, "Be they cleaned?"

I told them the fish weren't cleaned.

"Nope," he said—and pulled his hat over his eyes and went back to sleep.

That's my idea of "asking" prayers. "Be they cleaned?"

If we have faith, we know that what we need is already provided, but we must at least clean our own fish.



The editor of a Hungarian wkly newspaper suggests that every country in the world prepare a 5-or-6 page illustrated history of its own nat'l ideals, accomplishments, and hopes. Publication of these authoritative statements in 1 vol—translated, of course, into every language—would do much, he believes, to further internat'l understanding.—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher*.

